

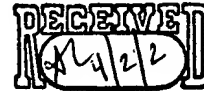


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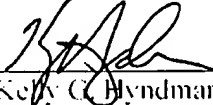
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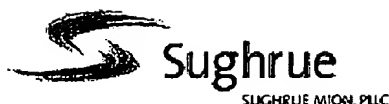
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This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/399,682 (Confirmation No. 2544) filed on September 21, 1999 of all the inventors in the prior application, to wit, Kehsing J. CHOU, Mei-ing W. HUANG, Taejae LEE, Basuki N. SOETARMAN, Robert N. SUMMERS, Siucheong K. TSE, Alan T. YAUNG, and Mimi P. VO entitled ARCHITECTURE TO ENABLE SEARCH GATEWAYS AS PART OF FEDERATED SEARCH.

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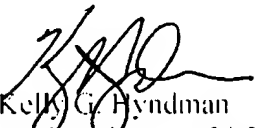
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Application No.: 09/399,682
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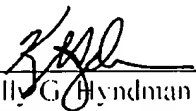
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